

GOOD CITIZENS MUST PAY TAXES

Those Who Fail to Qualify Simply Cheat State, Says Dr. Cecil.

BEST MEN SHOULD CONTROL

Minister Urges Closer Grip on Public Affairs by Christian Element.

That it was neither good Christianity nor good citizenship to cheat the State in the matter of payment of taxes or to lie to the assessor in regard to property, was asserted by Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., in a sermon on "Christian Citizenship" yesterday morning at the Second Presbyterian Church. Failure of many people to pay their poll taxes and qualify themselves to take part in the government was sharply criticized. Dr. Cecil said he had heard it stated by a high official of the city, and believed it to be true, that if the 4,000 men who recently took part in a Bible class parade were to do their duty to the State by paying their taxes and by voting good men into office they could, by united effort, revolutionize the city government.

Each Man's Duty.

Dr. Cecil announced his text from Mark xii. 17: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Outlining the position of the Presbyterian Church on the entire separation of church and state, and making it clear that the duties of Christian men as citizens were their individual duties, not the duty of the church as an organization, Dr. Cecil urged the duty of each man to take part in the government and in the betterment work of the community, of paying taxes for the support of the government, and of taking part by ballot in the selection of the men who administer that government; the patriotic and usually cheerful service in the militia, for the betterment of mankind, or for the carrying on of great internal improvements.

By failing to vote, he asserted, the best element of the community often leaves the government in the hands of the worst element, indicating briefly his disbelief in woman suffrage as a cure-all for political ills. I do not believe it, but it is better to have the place for a discussion of that matter. It is the plain teaching of the text, however, that it is the Christian duty of those who are qualified to exercise citizenship not to fail in their duty by cheating the State of its due revenue, or by sheer negligence to vote.

The closing portion of the address was an eloquent plea for the manhood of the world to "render unto God the things that are God's."

CORONER CALLS IT CASE OF SUICIDE

Frederick Schultz Found With Head Hanging Over Gas Range.

ALL DOORS SECURELY SHUT

Victim Quickly Overcome and Family Makes Discovery on Returning Home.

Frederick Samuel Schultz, sixty-two years old, was found dead in the kitchen of his home, at 519 North Fifth Street, at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with his head hanging over the cooking range, and gas escaping and filling the room.

Coroner Taylor was notified and immediately repaired to the scene. He found the family exceedingly regretful, and, though his opinion is that it was a case of suicide, his death certificate will show that death was due to asphyxiation by illuminating gas, but whether with suicidal intent or not is uncertain.

House Securely Locked.

All the other members of Mr. Schultz's family left the house at 2:30 o'clock. At that time Mr. Schultz was apparently in a good frame of mind, and there was no suggestion that he contemplated ending his life. An hour or the family returned, and the members were greatly alarmed to find the house locked. Frederick Schultz, Jr., the eldest son, fortunately had with him the key to the front door, and let himself in. Going to the kitchen, he found the door to that room also locked. He finally forced entrance, and was horrified to see his father seated in a chair by the stove, with his face pressed down above the jets. The room was filled with gas. All the windows had been shut down, and to all outward appearances the aged man had deliberately closed all the apertures, and then sat down by the stove to die.

No Inquest to Be Held.

After examining the body Coroner Taylor turned it over to the family, and there will be no inquest.

It is said that Mr. Schultz had been in poor health for some time and that he had been brooding over the loss of his wife, who died about a year ago. He was a carpenter by trade. He was well known and was respected by all who knew him. He is survived by several children, all of whom are grown.

If this is rated as a case of suicide, it will be the twenty-sixth of this year, which, up to the present time, in Coroner Taylor's career, is a record.

Had Goods With Him.

Pletcher, Birmingham, colored, was arrested early yesterday morning by Policeman Krouse as a suspicious character. The negro had with him a suit case containing a pistol, a box of cartridges, a pair of overalls and four quarts of whiskey—enough with which to do considerable damage.

CHRISTMAS MAIL DELIVERY PLAN

That in Vogue Here Impresses First Assistant Postmaster-General Grandfield.

PREPARING FOR HOLIDAYS

Postmaster Allan Discusses Plans and Gives Advice to the Public.

First Assistant Postmaster-General C. P. Grandfield was in Richmond yesterday, and while here was the guest of Postmaster Edgar Allan, Jr.

Dr. Grandfield was deeply interested in a plan which has been in vogue at the local post-office for several years concerning the distribution of the Christmas mails. For some time it has been customary to bring in an auxiliary to the delivery system hired wagons for the purpose of making the speedy distribution of the heavy mails which occur during the holidays.

Preparing for Christmas.

Mr. Allan said last night that the post-office is already making preparations for the Christmas rush.

"If the public would be a little more considerate and more carefully observe the postal regulations—very few of them are familiar with the rules of the department—we would be enabled to give better service and could save many persons a deal of trouble and annoyance," he said, when discussing the situation.

He would particularly call attention to the use of Red Cross stamps and similar labels, always abundant for charitable as well as decorative purposes at Christmas time, and impress the difference between the various classes of mail matter.

Labels, other than postage stamps, are not permitted to be placed on the front of an envelope or parcel, but at all they must be attached to the back. If this rule is not observed it will mean that the letter or package will not be forwarded; it will not be so acceptable as mail matter, even though the postage is properly affixed.

Postcard Postage.

"All regulation size postcards, made of flexible card stock, require 1 cent postage. Cards other than the regulation size, and those made of stiff cardboard, leather, tin, aluminum or wood, and such devices as cloth pennants, bearing written matter thereon other than the address of the sender or addressee, require 2 cents postage. All letters, mica or celluloid decorated cards, to be mailed, must be inclosed, and when these cards bear written matter other than the address of the sender or addressee, such cards require 2 cents postage, and in all cases the postage must be attached to the envelope, and not on the card, even though there is an aperture in the envelope exposing the stamp, such postage not being acceptable.

"For prompt delivery, postage should be fully prepaid on all matter," continued Mr. Allan. He also pointed out that violations of these postal laws are more frequent during the holiday period than at any other time.

Wife Finds Him Dead.

Lewis Jacobs, of 325 Brook Avenue, died suddenly from heart disease in his home last night. Mrs. Jacobs finished supper at the usual time, and went upstairs to his room. His wife, who had remained behind, heard a thud above her, and rushed upstairs. She found her husband lying dead in the middle of the floor. Coroner Taylor stated that death was due to heart disease.

Company C Smoker.

Company C, Richmond Light Infantry Blues, will give a smoker to members and invited guests at the Hermitage Golf Club to-morrow night. The general orders are 7-11-X-2, and the invitation is to the men to meet the non-commissioned officers. The smoker will begin at 8:30 o'clock, and continue until it is finished.

Dr. Robinson Recovering.

The condition of Dr. W. B. Robinson, who was recently operated upon at the Memorial Hospital, was yesterday said to be greatly improved, and the patient pronounced out of danger.

WOMEN TO BUILD HOME FOR WOMEN

Big Movement to Be Launched at Association Dinner To-Morrow.

ADEQUATE HOUSE NEEDED

Dr. Mitchell and Local Speakers Will Discuss Campaign Plans.

Steps will be taken at a citizens' dinner conference to-morrow evening to place on a definite footing plans for the erection in this city at an early date of a modern Young Women's Christian Association building, commensurate with the scope and importance of the local organization. The project has been long agitated, especially since the sale of the old quarters left the association without a suitable home. The rented houses now occupied have proved unsatisfactory in many ways, and a new home, constructed on modern standards and large enough to house all the association interests under one roof, was advocated by the secretary in her last annual report.

The dinner is in the interest of the new building, and will take place in the old Y. W. C. A. building, Sixth and Main Streets, at 6:30 o'clock. Invitations have been issued to a large number of interested persons, and an enthusiastic attendance is expected.

Informal Affair.

The affair will be entirely informal, the idea being to encourage a free expression of opinion as to the advisability of taking up the matter at this time, and to launch definite plans for the enterprise. President S. C. Mitchell, of the University of South Carolina, and Miss Anna D. Casler, of New York, will be the guests of honor, and it is expected will deliver short addresses. No solicitation of funds or subscriptions is contemplated. The meeting will be devoted exclusively to the consideration of plans.

In the last report of the secretary a detailed statement was made of the association's activities during the past year, showing the increasing importance of the organization in the city. Because of the lack of proper quarters the work has had to be divided and carried on in separate buildings and different localities, preventing, to a great extent, efficient service.

Must Centralize Departments.

Experience of other cities has shown that the best association work is done when all the features—boarding, social, gymnasium and instruction—are carried on under one roof, and the move being launched at this time is for the purpose of securing a building centrally located and equipped to do the work demanded by a city the size of Richmond. The idea is meeting with much favor by the citizens generally who realize the peculiar value of such an institution, and the large sphere of usefulness occupied by the Young Women's Christian Association in the club and social life of the city. The committee in charge of the dinner is composed of the following supporters of the association: H. W. Wood, J. Stewart Bryan, W. S. Rhoads, Mrs. C. P. Walford, Mrs. J. Scott Parrish, Mrs. W. A. Crenshaw and Miss Katharine H. Hawes.

NAME LAWYERS FOR JUDGESHIP

Bar Association Shortly to Nominate Successor to Judge Ingram.

Because of the crowded condition of the Law and Equity Court docket it is quite likely that the Bar Association of Richmond will meet shortly to nominate a successor to Judge John H. Ingram. The precedent which has always followed is for the bar to nominate and the nominee is appointed by the Governor and is in turn elected by the Legislature. Governor Mann on yesterday designated Judge Ernest H. Wells, of South Richmond, and Judge R. H. L. Chichester, of Stafford County, to preside over the Law and Equity Court. They will divide the work until Judge Ingram's successor qualifies.

While no member of the bar has come forward with formal announcement of his candidacy, several names have been mentioned, and it is probable that the list will increase from day to day. It was said yesterday that friend of William A. Moncreur, John B. Minor, Samuel A. Anderson, George Ainslie, Isaac Diggs and James E. Cannon would place them in nomination before the Bar Association when it meets for the purpose of selecting a new judge. The position, which is one of great dignity and honor, pays a salary of \$1,500.

WORD BEGINS TO APPREHEND TRUTH

Dr. Bowser Discusses "The Inner Light" in Sermon at Unitarian Church.

QUESTION OF DOING RIGHT

Not in Party Platform, but Depends on Each Person's Own Heart.

At the Unitarian Church yesterday morning, the pastor, Rev. Alexander T. Bowser, spoke on "The Inner Light," from the text: "The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are children of God"—Romans, viii. 16.

Dr. Bowser said:

It used to be the fashion for preachers to address their congregations as if there were but two classes of people, the converted and the unconverted, the saved and the unsaved—those who were in God's family and those who belonged to the household of Satan. At last, however, we are beginning to apprehend the gospel truth that every human soul is an offspring of God and belongs to His family. Nevertheless, it still remains true that some are conscious of kinship with divinity, while others are unconscious of it. Even as there are but two kinds of boys in our public schools, good ones and bad ones, so there are only two kinds of people everywhere: those who live in communion with God, seeking to know and do the will of God, and those who do not. Whom the Spirit's voice is unheard of, unheeded, who are not conscious of their personal relationship to God or of the divine presence, help and guidance.

New right here in this gospel idea of the soul's essential kinship to God is the vital and educative spiritual consciousness is the true work of the church. The highest word of religious inspiration in the New Testament teaches that "God is Spirit," and if it is true, as taught in the Old Testament, that man was made in the image of God, it follows that we are spiritual beings, "partakers of the divine nature."

The Divine Element.

Thus the divine element in Jesus is seen to be a revelation of the divine origin of mankind, a clearing up of the mystery of the human soul. The story of Jesus' sonship in God is a revelation which we see our own race, and which we see our own make-up. In His soul and ours we find the whole order of spiritual facts and laws: truth, love, the sense of duty, the consciousness of divine kinship and the aspiration for God-like perfection in character and attainment.

Spirit Dwells in Us.

God alone can apprehend God. If we allow the elements of the soul to sleep in ignorance, or to become smothered with desire for wealth and the love of pleasure, religion for us is lost. Its vital quality, and we shall find no sufficient reason for yielding heart and mind to its sway, or for giving our means and time to advance in religion. The moment we awake, however, to the conviction that we actually live and move and have our being in God, that His spirit dwells in us, and His life, love, truth and power are ever at our command, waiting graciously for our use in the world, in the family, in the community, in the church, at that moment there wells up in the soul a new and deeper desire to know, to love and to serve Him. When we thus become conscious that the spirit is bearing witness within us that we are God's children, we can find no rest of soul, no peace of mind, no happiness, unless we are about the Father's will. Our very self-respect compels us to put forth every effort possible to be worthy of the divine lineage and companionship.

Desire to Do Right.

If we mean to do right—imperfect though we be—we are, so far, led by the Holy Spirit. The deliberate choice of right principles comes from the desire to do the right thing, and is only seen by the pure heart. Here is the foundation of good society or true democracy. It is not in the party platform; not in the Bill of Rights; not in the Constitution of the United States; not in the grand Declaration of Independence. The foundation of true democracy and social order is more deeply and broadly laid. It rests on our faith in the dignity of human nature as the offspring of God.

A great writer has said that it is the task of democracy to secure a patent of nobility for every man. Very well; but where shall the common man look for his title to nobility, or justify his claim to an honorable rank in the universe, unless he find the elements of nobleness in his own being? And how can he be sure that he is high born and well descended unless he can trace his lineage and origin up to the throne of God? Then he knows that he is of noble stock; then he feels the royal blood pulsing in his veins, and then, too, underneath all the disguises of poverty, meanness and sin, he salutes a prince—son of the living God—in every other man.

As the sculptor's eye sees in the block of marble the waiting statue, even so does our faith teach us to see in each and every soul of man, however disguised by sin and shame, an undeveloped picture or image of the divine personality. This is the gospel message, Jesus, the great Son of Man, who knew Himself also as the well beloved Son of God, is not God's only Son—He is our Elder Brother, "the first-born among many brethren."

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WILL BE GUEST OF ACCA TEMPLE STRONG FIGHT FOR BETTER SYSTEM

Shriners Plan to Royally Entertain Imperial Potentate New Government Plan Will Be Able Supported by Councilmen and People.

To meet John F. Treat, of Fargo, N. D., Imperial potentate of North America of the Ancient Arab Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, officers and the Arab Patrol of Acca Temple will go to Norfolk Wednesday to accompany him to Richmond the following day. The Imperial potentate will be the guest of the local Shriners Thursday, and plans have been made to royally entertain him, as this is the occasion of his first official visit to the capital of Virginia.

While in Norfolk the Richmond delegation, as well as the Imperial potentate, Deputy Imperial Potentate William J. Cunningham, of Baltimore, Frank W. Dryden, potentate of Banni Temple, Baltimore; W. J. Crompton, potentate of Oasis Temple, Charlotte, N. C.; Lewis Dent, past potentate of Almos Temple, Washington, D. C., and Dr. George F. Bagby, potentate of Acca Temple, will be the guests of the Khedive Temple. This party will also be in Richmond.

Dr. Bagby said yesterday that the representatives of Acca Temple will arrive in Norfolk late Wednesday afternoon by way of the C. and O. Railroad. With their guests the return to Richmond will be made Thursday morning. Automobiles will be waiting at the depot to take the Shriners for a sight-seeing visit throughout the city. About 1 o'clock a stop will be made at the Jefferson Hotel, where luncheon will be served. Only the visitors, officers of Acca Temple and past potentates will be present at this time. The remainder of the afternoon will be occupied in visiting many of the points of interest in the vicinity around the city.

A banquet at the Masonic Temple that night will be the crowning feature of the day. Elaborate preparations for this event have been made. Aside from a full orchestra, entertainment will also be furnished in the shape of numerous vaudeville acts.

Thief Leaves Suit.

While all the family was out last night, some one broke into the home of Thomas O'Connor, 318 North Second Street, and stole about \$80 worth of clothes and jewelry. When Mr. O'Connor returned he found that entrance had been gained through a side window. A watch, bracelet, overcoat and suit of clothes were missing. The thief left in haste, for the suit was found on the porch steps. Detective Gentry investigated the robbery.

RABBIT SIMPLY FILLED WITH LEAD

So Pop Redford Picked Out the Shot for Six Hours, and Will Use it as Ammunition.

"Pop" Redford, former member and champion heavyweight of the police force, received a rabbit from his friends, Sergeant and Tom Kerso, yesterday. Pop can eat a dozen rabbits at one sitting, but he probably won't do that for this event. After talking out a pound of shot, there were not much left, except some more shot. The whiskers of the rabbit, by actual measurement, were five and three-quarter inches long. He was the size of the family, and older than Pop himself.

"That rabbit," said Pop, "must have been shot seven or eight times. He was so weighted down with lead that he couldn't run any more, and then they hit him in the head with a stick. And he's so durned tough that it'll take two days to boil him in fit fashion to eat. I spent six hours picking out shot, and then gave up. I couldn't find anything but shot. His ears looked like a fly screen. All four legs were broken, and his skull was crushed in. I thought the two Kereses were hunters and sports. But when you look at that rabbit—well, there ain't anything more for me to say. I sent them a note of thanks, and told them I was much obliged for the ammunition. I will use some of it when I go hunting again."

"I put that rabbit in the pot early this morning, and he is still tough. I'll cook him all day to-morrow, and if he ain't fit to eat then, I know where there are four hundred pups, and I will give them a meal—if the owner will let me."

Pop is mighty fond of rabbit stew, but he never tried shot as a condiment.

"Richmond's city revenues (all sources) were \$1,187,540 more in 1911 than in 1901." Richmond Advertisers Club

OPENING SERVICE AT LEIGH STREET

Baptist Church Rededicated After Being Closed Fourteen Months for Repairs.

The rededication of the Leigh Street Baptist Church, which has been undergoing extensive repairs for the past fourteen months, forcing the congregation to abandon the auditorium and worship in the Sunday school room in the basement, occurred yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, when an appropriate program was carried out and witnessed by a large congregation.

The prayer of dedication was said by Rev. James Buchanan, while a special sermon, "Building the Lord's House," was preached by Rev. J. J. Wicker, the pastor. An elaborate musical program was also a feature of the services.

At the service last night a handsome memorial brass lectern, a gift of James V. Hitt in memory of his wife, and a Bible, also presented by John Bagby, and accepted on behalf of the church by R. E. Winfree.

New pulpit furniture was presented to the church by Captain Morgan H. Mills.

The services of Leigh Street next Sunday morning will also be of special interest. At this time the magnificent "Jennie Martin Parrish Memorial Organ Recital" will take place. Leslie F. Watson, A. A. G. O., will be assisted by Mrs. F. D. Montgomery, violin, and Mrs. S. M. Montgomery, piano. A program of selections from the old masters will be carried out.

DIES IN FRIEND'S ARMS

Attacked by Heart Disease, Mrs. Henrietta A. Jordan Passes Away.

Overrun by sudden illness, Mrs. Henrietta A. Jordan, of 1411 Hanover Avenue, died Saturday night in the arms of a friend, who carried her home.

Mrs. Jordan went out for a short walk with several in the same house, and had gone only a short distance when she became suddenly faint. Her friends rushed to her aid, and carried her home. Coroner Taylor was notified, and said that death was due to heart disease.

RICHMOND BOY NEAR DEATH'S DOOR

Dabney Crenshaw, Jr., Rushed to Johns Hopkins for Serious Operation.

The following dispatch was received from Baltimore last night:

"In a critical condition and unconscious, suffering from a peculiar attack of brain trouble, which is said to have puzzled several physicians and surgeons who have examined him, Dabney Crenshaw, son of S. Dabney Crenshaw, of Richmond, was rushed to Johns Hopkins Hospital from the Episcopal High School and operated on to-day by Dr. Harvey Cushing. The result of the operation is not yet known, but young Crenshaw was said to still be in an unconscious and precarious condition tonight."

"The boy was attacked by the strange illness in the bathing room of the Episcopal High School last Thursday. He was revived after several hours' treatment by a physician of that place. Following his recovery, however, he was found unconscious in his bed. Alexandra physicians were called, but their efforts to revive him were futile. It was then decided to call Washington physicians of noted ability. This was done, but three well-known medical men of Washington are said to have examined him and decided that they could be of no service to the unconscious lad. It was then decided to bring him to Johns Hopkins. Arrangements were completed Saturday, the day on which the last of the three Washington doctors examined him, to bring the boy to the local institution. Upon reaching here, he was rushed to the hospital, and Dr. Cushing immediately examined him, declaring that an operation was at once necessary to save his life and determine from what he suffered. This was done, but the boy has not yet been given out."

"Young Crenshaw, who at any time suffered an injury, but the present attack might have followed, but he is declared that he was never in any way injured. After being found unconscious Friday morning he has been revived."

"Mrs. Crenshaw and other members of the family accompanied the boy to Baltimore and were near him at the time of the operation. Whether or not he will recover will probably not be known for at least several days."

QUICK WORK OF POLICE

Robbery Is Reported, and Two Young Men Are Arrested Within Few Hours.

The grocery store of Isaac Evans, 1817 West Broad Street, was broken into early Saturday night through a side window, and a few hours later Sergeant Shepherd and Policemen Tucker and Warriner arrested Charles Hiter and H. W. Brooks on a charge of being the housebreakers.

The two young men are alleged to have disposed of a quantity of cigars and cigarettes stolen from the Evans store to a dealer in the eastern part of the city. It was by whom informed the police that he believed the property was stolen, and the officers soon rounded up the suspects.

Evans said the thieves were evidently unable to carry off, was found just outside the store.

To the Good Roads Men Meeting in Richmond this week in the greatest GOOD ROADS CONGRESS ever held on earth, we wish to extend a welcome and express our endorsement of their work on national highways. Without doubt this problem is one of the most vital that we have to consider in the growth and development of the State of Virginia to-day. The absolute necessity for good roads is felt in every section of our great country. We want to mention, too, that all roads are good which lead to the American National Bank of Richmond, Virginia. Start an account with us at once and pave your way on the road to permanent prosperity.

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